

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1271**  
FOR ANSWER ON 09/02/2022

**HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION**

1271. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the housing and construction projects are staring at a slowdown for a few months wherein dealers and buyers reporting a shortage of long steel products such as rods, bars and wires;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the shortage of above mentioned products are due to lack of availability of iron ore; and
- (d) if so, the details of the measures the Government is planning to adopt to address the issue?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)to(d): Details of production and consumption of long steel products used in the Housing and Construction sector in the current year, month-wise are given below which indicate that there is no shortage of long products domestically: -

Month	Total Long Products (Bars, Rods, Structural and Railway Materials)	
	Production	Consumption
April, 21	4835	4992
May, 21	4144	4264
June, 21	4477	4459
July, 21	4481	4381
August, 21	4935	4654
September, 21	4883	4603
October, 21	5088	4840
November, 21	4803	4469
December, 21	5243	5037
Total(Apr.-Dec., 21)	42889	41699

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); Provisional; Value in Thousand Ton

The total production of long products from April, 21-Dec., 21 was more than the consumption. Further, several measures were taken by the Government towards availability of raw material and towards price stability, these included:-

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- (i) In Union Budget 2021-22, Customs Duty has been reduced uniformly to 7.5% on Semis, Flat and Long products of non-alloy, alloy and stainless steels. Further, Basic Custom Duty (BCD) on steel scrap has been exempted for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022. In addition to the above, Anti Dumping Duty (ADD) and Countervailing Duties (CVD) on certain steel products have also been revoked / temporarily revoked.
- (ii) In Union Budget 2022-23, the Countervailing Duties (CVD) on stainless-steel products have been revoked. Also, Customs Duty exemption on stainless-steel scrap has been extended for another year, i.e., till 31.03.2023 to provide relief to the MSME secondary steel producers.
- (iii) Increasing availability of iron and steel, which, inter-alia, includes (a) Mining and Mineral Policy reforms to enhance production/availability of iron ore and (b) early operationalization of forfeited working mines.
- (iv) Notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap.
- (v) To give relief to secondary and MSME sector steel industry engaged in Housing/Construction sector, TMT bars below 8 mm have been exempted from the purview of the Quality Control Order, as these are primarily used for non-critical applications.

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